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Office Action Summary

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Jungwon Chang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-11 and 14-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,7-11,14-19 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,20-24 and 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 6, 12 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 14-26 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8-11, 14-19 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (US 6,298,164 B1).
4. Suzuki was cited in the prior Office action dated 7/8/2002 (paper #8).
5. As to claim 1, Suzuki discloses the invention as claimed including a method for negotiating an exchange of image processing functionality between first (i.e., input device; 104, fig. 1) and second (i.e., output device; 115, fig. 1) devices over a bi-

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directional communication link (100, 110, 120, fig. 1) (col. 4, lines 1-22), comprising the steps of:

communicating a function description between the first and second devices (col. 1, lines 29-40), the function description including information concerning functionality available in the first or second devices (i.e., image information, such as the available formats, color capabilities, bit length, and image resolution; col. 1, lines 36-40);

negotiating between the first and second devices to assign image processing functionality to the first or second device in accordance with the functionality available in the first or second device (i.e., negotiating the best possible data type between the first and second devices or negotiating information exchange between them; col. 1, lines 13-20), wherein the assigned image processing functionality (i.e., JETSEND format or Printer Control Language (PCL) format) effects an image transfer between the first and second devices (col. 1, lines 5-10; col. 2, lines 20-24); and

transferring from one of the first and second devices to the other of the first and second devices, in accordance with the assignment of the image processing functionality (col. 2, lines 20-57; col. 6, lines 15-25 and 60-67; col. 7, lines 1-10), program code (31, 32, 34, 35, fig. 3; 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, fig. 4; col. 5, lines 15-21; col. 6, lines 50-62) that implements functionality assigned to the other of the devices and needed by the other of the devices (col. 5, lines 22-40; col. 6, lines 15-25), wherein the program code is executed by the other of the devices (col. 6, lines 26-32 and 55-67; col. 7, lines 1-11).

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6. As to claim 2, Suzuki further discloses functionality that has been exported from one device to the other (i.e., image are exported from the input device, i.e., scanner, 104, fig. 1, to output device, i.e., printer, 115, fig. 1; col. 1, lines 5-10; col. 2, lines 20-24).

7. As to claims 5 and 7, Suzuki further discloses obtaining function code descriptions for functionality in a repository of image processing functionality (i.e., buffer, col. 2, lines 29-39 and 54-57; col. 4, lines 37-41; col. 7, lines 17-22), wherein negotiating in respect of the image processing functionality exported from the repository, and transferring functionality from the repository (col. 6, line 57 – col. 7, line 11; col. 10, lines 12-22).

8. As to claim 8, Suzuki discloses a network interface card (Network Interface Card, figs. 3 and 4) for interfacing between an image processing device (SCANNER, fig. 3; PRINTER, fig. 4) and a local area network (LAN, figs. 3 and 4) (col. 3, lines 54-67), said network interface card including:

a network protocol stack (IP protocol stack, IPX protocol stack, 32, 37, fig. 3; 48, 49, fig. 4; col. 5, lines 34-40; col. 6, lines 1-5) for interfacing between the local area network and the network interface card (col. 5, lines 30-33), and for receiving network communications directed to the image processing device (col. 5, line 63 – col. 6, line 1);

a device-specific application layer (35, fig. 3; 44, fig. 4) that provides device-specific image processing functionality for driving the image processing device (col. 5,

lines 17-21 and 52-53), the device-specific application layer (35, fig. 3; 44, fig. 4) receiving network communications directed to the device from the protocol stack (IP protocol stack, IPX protocol stack, 32, 37, fig. 3; 48, 49, fig. 4) (col. 6, lines 6-12); and a negotiation controller for negotiating an exchange of image processing functionality with another device on the local area network (i.e., negotiating the best possible data type between the first and second devices or negotiating information exchange between them; col. 1, lines 13-20), the negotiation controller being programmed with process steps according to the method of any one of claims 1 to 5, 7, 20, 25 and 26.

9. As to claims 9 and 10, Suzuki discloses computer-executable process steps stored on a computer readable storage medium (16, fig. 2; col. 4, lines 37-39; col. 5, lines 9-11), the computer executable process steps for negotiating an exchange of image processing functionality between first and second devices (SCANNER, fig. 3; PRINTER, fig. 4) over a bi-directional communication link (LAN, figs. 3 and 4) (col. 3, lines 54-67), the computer executable process steps including steps according to any of claims 1 to 5, 7, 20, 25 and 26.

10. As to claims 11 and 14, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1 above. In addition, Suzuki discloses a communicator (i.e., modem or network interface card (NIC); col. 3, lines 19-29) adapted to communicate a function description with an external device (col. 3, lines 54-67, the function description including information

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concerning functionality available in the image processing apparatus or the external device (i.e., image information, such as the available formats, color capabilities, bit length, image resolution or flipping the image data; col. 1, lines 36-40; col. 2, lines 53-57; col. 7, lines 60-67).

11. As to claims 15 and 17, Suzuki discloses image data transmitter (i.e., network interface card, figs. 3 and 4) adapted to transmit image data to the external device based on the negotiated assignment of functionality (col. 6, lines 48-54).

12. As to claims 16 and 25, Suzuki discloses a receiver (i.e., network interface card, figs. 3 and 4) adapted to receive program code that implements image processing functionality from the external device based on the negotiated assignment of functionality (col. 5, lines 7-21 and 47-62).

13. As to claims 18 and 19, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 1, 11 and 14 above. In addition, Suzuki discloses a receiver (i.e., network interface card, figs. 3 and 4) adapted to receive program code that implements image processing functionality from the external device based on the negotiated assignment of functionality (col. 5, lines 7-21 and 47-62; col. 6, lines 15-32 and 48-54; col. 7, lines 60-67).

14. Claims 3, 4, 20-24 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected

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base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Carau, Sr. et al, patent 6,651,118 B2, Ohta et al, patent 6,546,129 B1, Arnold et al, patent 6,502,000 B1, Hiroyuki Bando, patent 6,449,053 B2, Williams et al, patent 6,202,096 B1, Yasuhito Shimamura, patent 6,088,476, Snyders et al, patent 6,000,946 disclose image processing apparatus and method for communicating between two devices using Jetsend Protocol.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jungwon Chang whose telephone number is (703)305-9669. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 (Monday-Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (703)305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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